GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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MOST FAVOURED NATION STATUS TO PAKISTAN
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has granted Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the Pakistan has also granted the same facilities to India;

(c) if not, whether the Government have taken up the matter with the Pakistan Government;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the number of items being exported to Pakistan at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Even though the matter has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan at various levels / for a time to time, Pakistan is yet to accord MFN status to India.

(e) : During the year 2000-2001 (April - October, 2000), 52 major items were exported to Pakistan (Source: DGCI&S).